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SENATE BILL 1269

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 15-393, 15-782.02, 41-619.51, 41-1758, 41-1758.01, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO JOINT TECHNOLOGICAL EDUCATION DISTRICTS.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona: Section 1. Section 15-393, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

15-393. <u>Joint technological education district governing board:</u> report: definition

- A. The management and control of the joint district are vested in the joint technological education district governing board, including the content and quality of the courses offered by the district, the quality of teachers who provide instruction on behalf of the district, the salaries of teachers who provide instruction on behalf of the district and the reimbursement of other entities for the facilities used by the district. Unless the governing boards of the school districts participating in the formation of the joint district vote to implement an alternative election system as provided in subsection B of this section, the joint board shall consist of five members elected from five single member districts formed within the joint district. The single member district election system shall be submitted as part of the plan for the joint district pursuant to section 15-392 and shall be established in the plan as follows:
- 1. The governing boards of the school districts participating in the formation of the joint district shall define the boundaries of the single member districts so that the single member districts are as nearly equal in population as is practicable, except that if the joint district lies in part in each of two or more counties, at least one single member district may be entirely within each of the counties comprising the joint district if this district design is consistent with the obligation to equalize the population among single member districts.
- 2. The boundaries of each single member district shall follow election precinct boundary lines, as far as practicable, in order to avoid further segmentation of the precincts.
- 3. A person who is a registered voter of this state and who is a resident of the single member district is eligible for election to the office of joint board member from the single member district. The terms of office of the members of the joint board shall be as prescribed in section 15-427, subsection B. An employee of a joint technological education district or the spouse of an employee shall not hold membership on a governing board of a joint technological education district by which the employee is employed. A member of one school district governing board or joint technological education district governing board or joint technological education or election to or serve simultaneously as a member of any other governing board, except that a member of a governing board may be a candidate for nomination or election for any other governing board if the member is serving in the last year of a term of office. A member of a governing board shall resign the member's seat on the governing board before becoming a candidate for nomination or election to the governing board of any other

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school district or joint technological education district, unless the member of the governing board is serving in the last year of a term of office.

- 4. Nominating petitions shall be signed by the number of qualified electors of the single member district as provided in section 16-322.
- B. The governing boards of the school districts participating in the formation of the joint district may vote to implement any other alternative election system for the election of joint district board members. If an alternative election system is selected, it shall be submitted as part of the plan for the joint district pursuant to section 15-392, and the implementation of the system shall be as approved by the United States justice department.
- C. The joint technological education district shall be subject to the following provisions of this title:
 - 1. Chapter 1, articles 1 through 6.
 - 2. Sections 15-208, 15-210, 15-213 and 15-234.
 - 3. Articles 2, 3 and 5 of this chapter.
 - 4. Section 15-361.
 - 5. Chapter 4, articles 1, 2 and 5.
 - 6. Chapter 5, articles 1, 2 and 3.
- 7. Sections 15-701.01, 15-722, 15-723, 15-724, 15-727, 15-728, 15-729 and 15-730.
 - 8. Chapter 7, article 5.
 - 9. Chapter 8, articles 1, 3 and 4.
 - 10. Sections 15-828 and 15-829.
 - 11. Chapter 9, article 1, article 6, except for section 15-995, and article 7.
 - 12. Sections 15-941, 15-943.01, 15-948, 15-952, 15-953 and 15-973.
 - 13. Sections 15-1101 and 15-1104.
 - 14. Chapter 10, articles 2, 3, 4 and 8.
 - D. Notwithstanding subsection C of this section, the following apply to a joint technological education district:
 - 1. A joint district may issue bonds for the purposes specified in section 15-1021 and in chapter 4, article 5 of this title to an amount in the aggregate, including the existing indebtedness, not exceeding one per cent of the taxable property used for secondary tax purposes, as determined pursuant to title 42, chapter 15, article 1, within the joint technological education district as ascertained by the last property tax assessment previous to issuing the bonds.
 - 2. The number of governing board members for a joint district shall be as prescribed in subsection A of this section.
 - 3. If a career and technical education and vocational education course or program provided pursuant to this article is provided in a facility owned or operated by a school district in which a pupil is enrolled, including satellite courses, the sum of the daily attendance, as provided in section 15-901, subsection A, paragraph 6, for that pupil in both the school district

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and joint technological education district shall not exceed 1.25 and the sum of the fractional student enrollment, as provided in section 15-901, subsection A, paragraph 2, subdivision (a), shall not exceed 1.25 for the courses taken in the school district and the facility, including satellite courses. The school district and the joint district shall determine the apportionment of the daily attendance and fractional student enrollment for that pupil between the school district and the joint district.

- 4. The student count for the first year of operation of a joint technological education district as provided in this article shall be determined as follows:
- (a) Determine the estimated student count for joint district classes that will operate in the first year of operation. This estimate shall be based on actual registration of pupils as of March 30 scheduled to attend classes that will be operated by the joint district. The student count for the district of residence of the pupils registered at the joint district shall be adjusted. The adjustment shall cause the district of residence to reduce the student count for the pupil to reflect the courses to be taken at the joint district. The district of residence shall review and approve the adjustment of its own student count as provided in this subdivision before the pupils from the school district can be added to the student count of the joint district.
- (b) The student count for the new joint district shall be the student count as determined in subdivision (a) of this paragraph.
- (c) After the first one hundred days or two hundred days in session, as applicable, for the first year of operation, the joint district shall revise the student count to the actual student count for students attending classes in the joint district. A joint district shall revise its student count, the base support level as provided in section 15-943.02, the revenue control limit as provided in section 15-944.01, the capital outlay revenue limit and the soft capital allocation as provided in section 15-962.01 prior to May 15. A joint district that overestimated its student count shall revise its budget prior to May 15. A joint district that underestimated its student count may revise its budget prior to May 15.
- (d) After the first one hundred days or two hundred days in session, as applicable, for the first year of operation, the district of residence shall adjust its student count by reducing it to reflect the courses actually taken at the joint district. The district of residence shall revise its student count, the base support level as provided in section 15-943, the revenue control limit as provided in section 15-961 and the soft capital allocation as provided in section 15-962 prior to May 15. A district that underestimated the student count for students attending the joint district shall revise its budget prior to May 15. A district that overestimated the student count for students attending the joint district may revise its budget prior to May 15.

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- (e) A joint district for the first year of operation shall not be eligible for adjustment pursuant to section 15-948.
- (f) The procedures for implementing this paragraph shall be as prescribed in the uniform system of financial records.
- (g) If the district of residence utilizes section 15-942 to determine its student count, the district shall reduce its student count as provided in this paragraph by subtracting the appropriate count from the student count determined as provided in section 15-942.
- For the purposes of this paragraph, "district of residence" means the district that included the pupil in its average daily membership for the year before the first year of operation of the joint district and that would have included the pupil in its student count for the purposes of computing its base support level for the fiscal year of the first year of operation of the joint district if the pupil had not enrolled in the joint district.
- 5. A student includes any person enrolled in the joint district without regard to the person's age or high school graduation status, except that:
- (a) A student in a kindergarten program or in grades one through eight who enrolls in courses offered by the joint technological education district shall not be included in the joint district's average daily attendance or average daily membership.
- (b) A student in a kindergarten program or in grades one through eight who is enrolled in vocational education courses shall not be funded in whole or in part with monies provided by a joint technological education district.
- (c) A student who is over twenty-two years of age shall not be included in the student count of the joint district for the purposes of chapter 9, articles 3, 4 and 5 of this title.
- (d) A student in grade nine who enrolls in a career exploration course shall not be included in the joint district's average daily attendance or average daily membership.
- 6. A joint district may operate for more than one hundred seventy-five days per year, with expanded hours of service.
- 7. A joint district may use the excess utility costs provisions of section 15-910 in the same manner as a school district for fiscal years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001, except that the base year shall be the first full fiscal year of operations.
- 8. A joint district may use the carryforward provisions of section 15-943.01 retroactively to July 1, 1993.
- 9. A school district that is part of a joint district shall use any monies received pursuant to this article to supplement and not supplant base year career and technical education and vocational education courses, and directly related equipment and facilities, except that a school district that is part of a joint technological education district and that has used monies received pursuant to this article to supplant career and technological education and vocational education courses that were offered before the first

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year that the school district participated in the joint district or the first year that the school district used monies received pursuant to this article or that used the monies for purposes other than for career and technological education and vocational education courses shall:

- (a) Use at least thirty-three per cent of the monies received pursuant to this article in fiscal year 2005-2006 to supplement and not supplant base year career and technical education and vocational education courses.
- (b) Use at least sixty-six per cent of the monies received pursuant to this article in fiscal year 2006-2007 to supplement and not supplant base year career and technical education and vocational education courses.
- (c) Use one hundred per cent of the monies received pursuant to this article in fiscal year 2007-2008 and each fiscal year thereafter to supplement and not supplant base year career and technical education and vocational education courses.
- 10. A joint technological education district shall use any monies received pursuant to this article to enhance and not supplant career and technical education and vocational education courses and directly related equipment and facilities.
- 11. A joint technological education district or a school district that is part of a joint district shall only include pupils in grades nine through twelve in the calculation of average daily membership or average daily attendance if the pupils are enrolled in courses that are approved jointly by the governing board of the joint technological education district and each participating school district for satellite courses taught within the participating school district, or approved solely by the joint technological education district for centrally located courses. Average daily membership and average daily attendance from courses that are not part of an approved program for career and technical education shall not be included in average daily membership and average daily attendance of a joint technological education district. A student in grade nine who enrolls in a career exploration course shall not be included in the joint district's average daily attendance or average daily membership.
- E. The joint board shall appoint a superintendent as the executive officer of the joint district.
- F. Taxes may be levied for the support of the joint district as prescribed in chapter 9, article 6 of this title, except that a joint technological education district shall not levy a property tax pursuant to law that exceeds five cents per one hundred dollars assessed valuation except for bond monies pursuant to subsection D, paragraph 1 of this section. Except for the taxes levied pursuant to section 15-994, such taxes shall be obtained from a levy of taxes on the taxable property used for secondary tax purposes.

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- G. The schools in the joint district are available to all persons who reside in the joint district subject to the rules for admission prescribed by the joint board.
- H. The joint board may collect tuition for adult students and the attendance of pupils who are residents of school districts that are not participating in the joint district pursuant to arrangements made between the governing board of the district and the joint board.
- I. The joint board may accept gifts, grants, federal monies, tuition and other allocations of monies to erect, repair and equip buildings and for the cost of operation of the schools of the joint district.
- J. One member of the joint board shall be selected chairman. The chairman shall be selected annually on a rotation basis from among the participating school districts. The chairman of the joint board shall be a voting member.
- K. A joint board and a community college district may enter into agreements for the provision of administrative, operational and educational services and facilities.
- L. Any agreement between the governing board of a joint technological education district and another joint technological education district, a school district, a charter school or a community college district shall be in the form of an intergovernmental agreement or other written contract. The auditor general shall modify the uniform system of financial records and budget forms in accordance with this subsection. The intergovernmental agreement or other written contract shall completely and accurately specify each of the following:
- 1. The financial provisions of the intergovernmental agreement or other written contract and the format for the billing of all services.
- 2. The accountability provisions of the intergovernmental agreement or other written contract.
- 3. The responsibilities of each joint technological education district, each school district, each charter school and each community college district that is a party to the intergovernmental agreement or other written contract.
- 4. The type of instruction that will be provided under the intergovernmental agreement or other written contract.
- 5. The quality of the instruction that will be provided under the intergovernmental agreement or other written contract.
- 6. The transportation services that will be provided under the intergovernmental agreement or other written contract and the manner in which transportation costs will be paid.

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- 7. The amount that the joint technological education district will contribute to a course and the amount of support required by the school district or the community college.
- 8. That the services provided by the joint technological education district, the school district, the charter school or the community college district be proportionally calculated in the cost of delivering the service.
- 9. That the payment for services shall not exceed the cost of the services provided.
- 10. That any initial intergovernmental agreement or other written contract and any addendums between the governing board of a joint technological education district and another joint technological education district, a school district, a charter school or a community college district be submitted by the joint technological education district to the joint legislative budget committee for review.
- M. On or before December 31 of each year, each joint technological education district shall submit a detailed report to the career and technical education division of the department of education. The career and technical education division of the department of education shall collect, summarize and analyze the data submitted by the joint districts, shall submit an annual report that summarizes the data submitted by the joint districts to the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate and the state board of education and shall submit a copy of this report to the secretary of state and the director of the Arizona state library, archives and public records. The data submitted by each joint technological education district shall include the following:
 - 1. The average daily membership of the joint district.
- 2. The course listings and course descriptions of courses offered by the joint district.
- 3. The costs associated with each $\frac{\text{course}}{\text{course}}$ PROGRAM offered by the joint district.
- 4. The completion rate for each course PROGRAM offered by the joint district. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS PARAGRAPH, "COMPLETION RATE" MEANS THE COMPLETION RATE FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE DESIGNATED AS CONCENTRATORS IN THAT PROGRAM BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION UNDER THE CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION APPROVED STATE PLAN.
- 5. The graduation rate FROM THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF RESIDENCE of students $\frac{\text{enrolled}}{\text{on the joint district.}}$
- 6. A detailed description of the career opportunities available to students after completion of the program offered by the joint district.
- 7. A detailed description of the career placement of students who have completed the program offered by the joint district.
- 8. Any other data deemed necessary by the department of education to carry out its duties under this subsection.
- N. If the career and technical education division of the department of education determines that a course does not meet the criteria for approval as

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a joint technical education course, the governing board of the joint technological education district may appeal this decision to the state board of education acting as the state board of vocational education.

- O. Notwithstanding any other law, the average daily membership of a pupil who is enrolled in a course that meets for at least one hundred fifty minutes per class period at a centralized campus owned and operated by a joint technological education district shall be 0.75. THE SUM OF DAILY ATTENDANCE, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 15-901, SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 6, AND THE SUM OF THE FRACTIONAL STUDENT ENROLLMENT, AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 15-901, SUBSECTION A, PARAGRAPH 2, SUBDIVISION (a), FOR THAT PUPIL IN BOTH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND JOINT TECHNOLOGICAL EDUCATION DISTRICT COURSES PROVIDED EITHER AT A COMMUNITY COLLEGE PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION K OF THIS SECTION OR AT A FACILITY OWNED OR OPERATED BY A JOINT TECHNOLOGICAL EDUCATION DISTRICT THAT IS NOT LOCATED ON A SITE OF A MEMBER DISTRICT SHALL NOT EXCEED 1.75. THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE JOINT DISTRICT SHALL DETERMINE THE APPORTIONMENT OF THE DAILY ATTENDANCE AND STUDENT ENROLLMENT FOR THAT PUPIL BETWEEN THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND THE JOINT DISTRICT, EXCEPT THE AMOUNT APPORTIONED SHALL NOT EXCEED 1.0 FOR EITHER ENTITY.
- P. For the purposes of this section, "base year" means the complete school year in which voters of a school district elected to join a joint technological education district.
- Sec. 2. Section 15-782.02, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

15-782.02. <u>Career and technical education and vocational</u> <u>education programs: expanded hours: tuition</u>

School districts with career and technical education and vocational education programs may offer vocational educational services without regard to students' age or high school graduation status, EXCEPT THAT VOCATIONAL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES PROVIDED TO PERSONS OVER TWENTY-TWO YEARS OF AGE SHALL ONLY BE OFFERED FOR THE PURPOSE OF SKILL UPGRADING OR SKILL RETRAINING AND SHALL NOT BE OFFERED FOR COLLEGE LEVEL CREDIT. Persons over twenty-two years of age shall not attend vocational programs in high school buildings during regular school hours, EXCEPT THAT A PERSON OVER TWENTY-TWO YEARS OF AGE MAY ATTEND VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS DURING REGULAR SCHOOL HOURS AT A CENTRALIZED CAMPUS OWNED AND OPERATED BY A JOINT TECHNOLOGICAL EDUCATION DISTRICT PURSUANT TO SECTION 15-393, SUBSECTION D, PARAGRAPH 5 IF THE VOCATIONAL PROGRAM HAS ADDITIONAL STUDENT CAPACITY AFTER THE ENROLLMENT OF PERSONS WHO ARE TWENTY-TWO YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER. A JOINT TECHNOLOGICAL EDUCATION DISTRICT SHALL IMMEDIATELY NOTIFY IN WRITING THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN OF EACH PUPIL UNDER EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE IN A VOCATIONAL PROGRAM DURING REGULAR SCHOOL HOURS WHEN A PERSON OVER TWENTY-TWO YEARS OF AGE ENROLLS IN THE VOCATIONAL PROGRAM. THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE JOINT TECHNOLOGICAL EDUCATION DISTRICT SHALL ADOPT POLICIES THAT PRESCRIBE THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH STUDENTS WHO ARE TWENTY-TWO YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER AND PERSONS WHO ARE OVER TWENTY-TWO YEARS OF AGE AND WHO ARE ATTENDING VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS ARE ALLOWED

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IN THE SAME CLASSROOM AT THE SAME TIME. THE POLICIES SHALL BE DESIGNED TO MAXIMIZE THE SAFETY OF THE STUDENTS WHO ARE TWENTY-TWO YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER AND WHO ATTEND PROGRAMS DURING REGULAR SCHOOL HOURS, INCLUDING REQUIRING THE PRESENCE OF SECURITY PERSONNEL ON CAMPUS. A PERSON OVER TWENTY-TWO YEARS OF AGE SHALL NOT BE ADMITTED TO OR ATTEND A VOCATIONAL PROGRAM DURING REGULAR SCHOOL HOURS PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION UNLESS THE PERSON HAS A VALID FINGERPRINT CLEARANCE CARD PURSUANT TO TITLE 41, CHAPTER 12, ARTICLE 3.1. THE COSTS OF THE FINGERPRINT CLEARANCE CARD SHALL BE PAID BY THE APPLICANT.

- B. The department of education shall distribute twenty-six dollars for every day that a full-time student attends an extended year or summer school program in a joint technological education district and thirteen dollars for every day that a part-time student attends an extended year or summer school program in a joint technological education district, subject to appropriation except that the department of education shall not distribute monies pursuant to this section for any student who has either graduated from high school or obtained a general education diploma or who has reached twenty-two years of age, whichever occurs first.
- B. C. School districts with career and technical education and vocational education programs may operate those programs for more than one hundred seventy-five days per year, with expanded hours of service.
- $\mathsf{C.}$ D. Career and technical education and vocational education programs run by school districts may charge tuition to offset expenses associated with serving adult students.
- Sec. 3. Section 41-619.51, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

41-619.51. <u>Definitions</u>

In this article, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 1. "Agency" means the supreme court, the department of economic security, the department of education, the department of health services, the department of juvenile corrections, the department of emergency and military affairs or the board of examiners of nursing care institution administrators and assisted living facility managers.
 - 2. "Board" means the board of fingerprinting.
- 3. "Expedited review" means an examination, in accordance with board rule, of the documents an applicant submits by the board or its hearing officer without the applicant being present.
- 4. "Good cause exception" means the issuance of a fingerprint clearance card to an employee pursuant to section 41-619.55.
- 5. "Person" means a person who is required to be fingerprinted pursuant to any of the following:
 - (a) Section 8-105.
 - (b) Section 8-322.
 - (c) Section 8-509.
 - (d) Section 8-802.

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5. "Vulnerable adult" has the same meaning prescribed in section 13-3623.

Sec. 5. Section 41-1758.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

41-1758.01. Fingerprinting division; duties

The fingerprinting division is established in the department of public safety and shall:

- 1. Conduct fingerprint background checks for persons and applicants who are seeking employment with licensees, contract providers and state agencies or seeking employment or educational opportunities with agencies that require fingerprint background checks pursuant to sections 8-105, 8-322, 8-509, 8-802, 15-183, 15-534, 15-782.02, 15-1330, 15-1881, 26-102, 36-411, 36-425.03, 36-446.04, 36-594.01, 36-594.02, 36-882, 36-883.02, 36-897.01, 36-897.03, 36-3008, 41-1964, 41-1967.01, 41-1968, 41-1969 and 41-2814, section 46-141, subsection A and section 46-321.
- 2. Issue fingerprint clearance cards. On issuance, a fingerprint clearance card becomes the personal property of the cardholder and the cardholder shall retain possession of the fingerprint clearance card.
- 3. On submission of an application for a fingerprint clearance card, collect the fees established by the board of fingerprinting pursuant to section 41-619.53 and deposit, pursuant to sections 35-146 and 35-147, the monies collected in the board of fingerprinting fund.
- 4. Inform in writing each person who submits fingerprints for a fingerprint background check of the person's right to petition the board of fingerprinting for a good cause exception pursuant to section 41-1758.03.

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5. Administer and enforce this article.

Sec. 6. Purpose

It is the intent of the legislature that the apportionment of the average daily membership between a school district and a joint technological education district provided in this act clarifies current practice of the department of education and shall not be used to adjust current or prior appropriations for joint technological education districts.

Sec. 7. Retroactivity

Section 15-393, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by this act, applies retroactively to from and after June 30, 2007.

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